

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amendments to the claims have been made to overcome the Examiner's rejections and objections, and to put the claims in proper condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 12-15, 17-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 29-30 have been amended. Claims 2, 11, 16, 19, 24 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, 17-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 29-30 now are presented for examination.

Drawings

Applicants hereby submit a replacement sheet for Figure 1 to add architecture 100 and to fix a typo in external entity 118.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Independent claims 1, 10 and 14 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 101. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 10 and 14 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 14 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, paragraphs 1 and 2. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 10 and 14 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 6-10, 13-15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gunduc, et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0110312 ("Gunduc").

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner with regard to the Examiner's characterization of the reference. However, for the sake of expediting issuance of the case, independent claims 1, 10, 14, 18, 23 and 27 have been amended to include the limitations indicated allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 10, 14, 18, 23 and 27 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

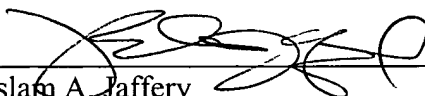
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Respectfully submitted,

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